

The Romulus News

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Knews and Komments

Jim Hughes, long-time Romulus businessman, has decided to call it quits. He has sold his gas station to an investor who allegedly intends to put in a convenience store and self-serve gas station. The new owner has not yet been contacted by *The Romulus News* to find out his actual plans.

Hughes said he is leaving Romulus because he feels that the City does not help those with small businesses, but hinders their progress instead. He stated: "One of the big reasons I'm leaving — it took me seven years to get my property zoned for what they (the City) requested. Both the Planning Commission and City Council gave me a hassle, tabled it, and seven years later I finally got it back in front of them." Hughes continued, "After it was zoned C-3 about three months ago, they (Dave Paul) informed me the Planning Commission was going to change my zoning, and they did run a notice in the paper to that effect."

According to Mr. Hughes, the new owners went to see Dave Paul in the Building Department, and he allegedly told them that if they bought the property, he would not pursue the zoning change; however, if Hughes kept the property, he would see it was re-zoned for his present business.

"I'm tired of beating my head against the wall with these people, so I'm moving. I would like to thank the people of Romulus for their support. They have been good to me over the years and I will be running an ad to tell them where I am going to be," Hughes said.

The proposed takeover by the new owner, Hazib Zahr, is April 1. Hughes said Mr. Zahr presently owns another station at Inkster and Van Born. □

Romulus resident John Ryznar recently stopped by our offices to say that he would like to thank Mr. Austin, Michigan's Secretary of State, for raising the cost of a driver's license. That cost doubled as of February 16, and there also has been a substantial increase in the cost of plates for cars and trucks, according to Ryznar. The cost of a chauffeur's license is now \$23.60.

It would seem that the State gets enough of the taxpayers' money as it is without making this additional hardship on many of us, especially the senior citizens and handicapped.

You would think that those who have good driving records would not

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Romulus Donates \$8,222.14 to Little Dana

by D. A. Atkins

In the last issue of *The Romulus News*, there was an article about a little girl in Romulus who has Cystic Fibrosis, a terminal illness. That girl is 11-year-old Dana Wasserman, and the response of the public to our plea for money to help her has been overwhelming. Thanks to the generosity of many of you, Dana will realize her dream of going to Disney World, and her family will have some extra money to go toward her medical expenses.

The combined efforts of Stella's Cafe and *The Romulus News* produced a grand total of \$8,222 to be turned over to Dana's mother. Of that money, \$4,000 was collected by Stella's Cafe, \$2,028 came from donations sent to *The Romulus News* (that amount was presented to Mrs. Wasserman on Monday, March 7, by *The Romulus News*), and the balance of the money was collected by various sources, many of them unions.

The phones at our office have rung constantly since the day after our last issue hit the streets, and the money has come in from all kinds of sources:

senior citizens, 'the man on the street,' and even people from the cities of Ypsilanti, Canton, Taylor, Detroit, and others. And the response of this town's business people has been terrific — they have given without hesitation, and given generously.

Stella Lewis, the owner of Stella's Cafe at the corner of Ecorse Road and Middle Belt, said, "Normally, things like this do not bother me, but after reading the story you wrote in the little paper, I went to bed and couldn't sleep. I wondered what I could do. I even thought of going door to door and try to collect money for this little girl. Finally, I called my business people (the ones who come in here to eat), and that's how it all started. Even the Wayne County Sheriff and the Romulus Police officers came in at all hours of the day and donated." She continued, "I splattered your little paper all over the walls and in our windows, and the people just fell in love with Dana."

Stella Lewis, who hails from Erin, Tennessee, is a good-hearted person, and it shows through every day at her

little restaurant. There you'll find good down-home cooking and plain down-home talk — nothing fancy, just a warm, comfortable atmosphere.

Her employees donated their time, and her customers donated both their time and the money for their food. There was no money taken out of the collections for expenses; it was all donated to Dana.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation is paying for the trip to Disney World and the expenses, and University Limo from Canton is supplying the limousine, courtesy of Oliver Lindsay. Dana will leave on her dream trip March 15.

It is not over yet. There will be a presentation made to Dana by Mayor McAnally at 8:30 a.m. on March 15 at City Hall, and everyone is invited to attend. The Mayor will ride to the airport with Dana, her sister, and her mother. The Limo will leave City Hall at about 9 a.m., and Dana's flight will leave Metro Airport at 9:55 a.m. on Northwest Airlines.

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Dana Wasserman enjoys the afternoon with Stella Lewis and Mickey.

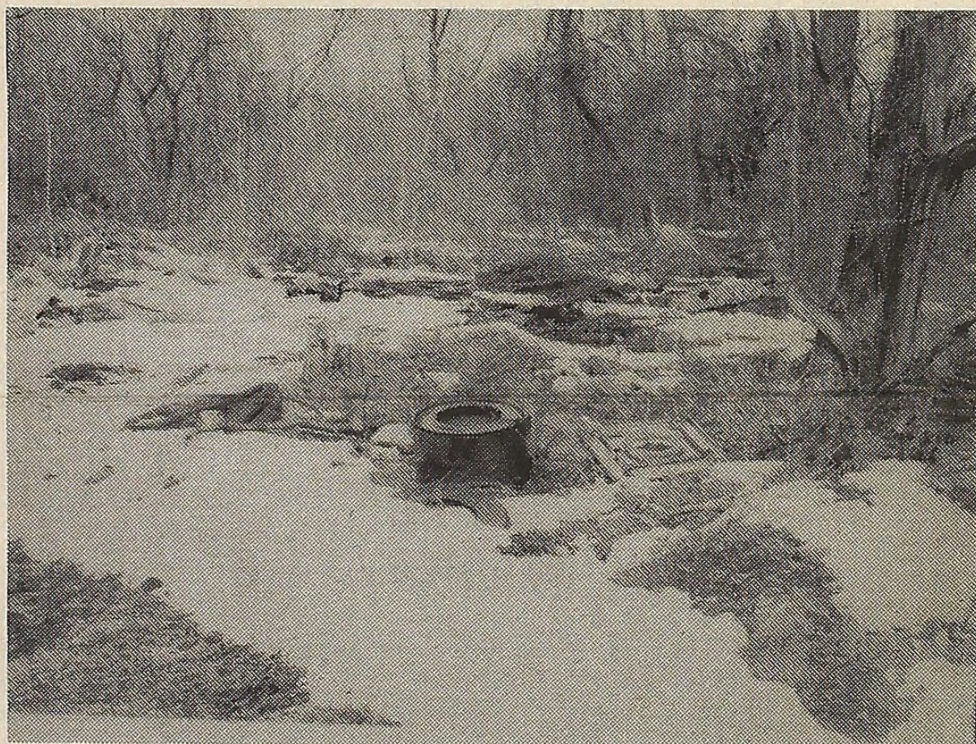
A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



In My Opinion

by D. A. Atkins

It is my opinion (and with that you can buy a cup of coffee if you have 50 cents to go along with it) that there is a lot of cleaning up to do in this city. I'm not talking about cleaning up crime or anything like that; I'm talking about cleaning up some of the junk piles we have around here.



If you take a look at the pictures that accompany this article, you'll see a house in the Ecorse Subdivision that is a vacant death-trap, complete with about two or three hundred old tires lying around in front of, beside, and in back of it. This house should be demolished, to say the least, but if that can't be done then it should be dealt with through the owner of the property. Better yet, the owner of the property should be dealt with.

At first I had been told that the property belonged to the State of Michigan,

then I heard it belonged to a private citizen, and now I hear it belongs to the City. Regardless of whom it belongs to, the problem should be solved before some child gets hurt.

The other pictures were taken at Wick Road just west of Wayne Road and east of the railroad tracks. People drive into this vacant piece of land to dump almost anything you can think of.

There is a road winding through this property that is used by the railroad to gain access to the tracks north of Wick. If the property belongs to the railroad, then the railroad should have to clean it up and block it off so that more dumping cannot take place, and kids can't use it for a bike trail. Trails like that, going through wooded areas and having no adult supervision, could be breeding places for accidents, drug use, rape, and even murder.

A plan to build a trailer park (mobile homes) in that area was brought before the City Council not long ago, but it was turned down. I sometimes wonder which is better, a mobile-home park which may not be quite as attractive as the surrounding homes, or a dump that is a perfect breeding spot for almost anything.

These are not the only two spots in this town that are in such a shambles — there are many more. All I hear is that we are working on them or we are going to see about them. It is about time that people stopped talking so much and started doing something constructive about getting areas like these cleaned up before something unpleasant happens.

It is also my opinion that the Downtown Development Committee is doing about as little as possible to get any-

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Letters to the Editor

To the Faculty of the Romulus School District:

I am the parent of a student athlete at the Senior High School. My child is very active in the school sports program, and also a member of the Honor Roll.

As concerned parents, my wife and I try to attend as many of our child's sporting events as possible. We enjoy going to these events, but more important, we want to show our support to our child and the rest of the team.

What troubles me as well as other parents I have spoken with is the lack of support shown by most of the teachers.

Out of 126 students involved in the High School sports program, 81 of these students are also members of the Honor Roll. Statistics like this tell me that academics and sports can go hand in hand.

My question is: Why don't more of the teachers come and show these students their support?

I understand that you also have many obligations, not to mention families you need to spend time with, but if you could only attend even one event, I feel that it would make a difference. I think you would notice a much deeper student-teacher relationship by showing these children that they have your support in all of their activities (not just in the classroom).

Thank you,

A Concerned, Proud Parent

Dear Mr. Atkins:

A number of parents wanted me to respond to the letter in your paper on February 24, 1988 about closing off our school driveway to cars in the morning.

About one year ago, bus drivers, staff and parents spoke to me about their concern for the safety of students when automobiles are letting children off at our front driveway. At times parents would let their children out of the car on the driver side as well as the passenger side. With buses at the sidewalk cars would park alongside the bus, sometimes in two lanes. Children had to walk between these cars and in front of the lead bus to get to school. Also, buses could not exit the driveway because of the cars.

In March 1987 a staff member was just about injured in the school driveway. As she walked from our front parking lot to the school, an automobile nearly hit her.

A group of parents and bus drivers met at a P.T.G. meeting to discuss this problem. In April 1987, the group decided that the best way to protect all children was to prohibit cars from entering the driveway each morning. The P.T.G. and bus drivers wrote and filmed a safety tape showing the right and wrong way of the new system. The tape was shown to all children K-6 and a parent notice was sent home.

It was suggested parents let children off on Harrison Road before

Sequoia, a street running east and west into Harrison Road.

This system has been in force since April 27, 1987. The only time we do not block the driveway is in heavy rain or extreme cold.

The Board of Education determines which students ride a school bus to and from school each day.

Sincerely,

Art McPharlin

Principal, Halecreek School

Dear Mr. Atkins,

I am writing in reference to the letter in the Feb. 24th issue from a Halecreek parent concerned about the drop-off point for her children. I am not writing this letter to embarrass her, for I believe that these issues are better quietly handled with the people involved rather than with open letters.

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Council Chooses to Ignore Charter

by D. A. Atkins

The City Council, Mayor, Treasurer and City Clerk are supposed to uphold the City Charter, and usually, they do. Occasionally, though, there are times when it is not upheld, and Romulus citizens should be made aware of those instances.

Ex-Councilman Barry Baumann was the first to bring this particular case to my attention, and he generally abstained from voting on it. I am referring to the approval and printing of the minutes of the City Council meetings.

The Charter explicitly states in Section 6.13, headed "Publication of Council Proceedings," that, "The minutes of the Council shall be published in the official newspaper of the City within fifteen (15) days after each meeting." This is not always being done — in fact, it is seldom done.

It is the City Clerk's job to have the minutes ready for Council approval, get them approved, and have them printed within 15 days of the meeting. Since the City has retained a weekly newspaper as the official City news-

paper, there is no apparent reason why the minutes cannot be printed according to the directions in the Charter.

It would seem to me that, if the Council wants to quote the Charter verbatim on some issues, and make sure that it is followed to the letter, Council should make sure that all business is conducted in like fashion, and that the minutes should be printed accordingly.

This very issue was voted on at the March 7 meeting of City Council when Council was asked for the approval to print the minutes from the February 8 and February 22 meetings. It had been more than 15 days since the February 8 meeting, yet those minutes were only just then being approved (and still hadn't been printed!). The two Council members who did not vote in favor of the approval were Randolph Gear and Ellis Pennington — they abstained.

My question is: Is the Charter for everyone to abide by, or do some people just use it when it is to their benefit to do so? □

Wertz's Warriors Raise Money for Special Olympics

Romulus resident Robert Pollack is a member of the Wertz Warriors, a group of snowmobilers (and their support crew) who raise money for the Michigan Special Olympics. The Warriors just finished their 1988 endurance-run fundraiser, and Robert raised a great deal of money for the group, thanks to the generous support of many area residents and businesses. In the following letter, he expresses his thanks to his supporters.

February 22, 1988

On behalf of the Wertz's Warriors and myself, I can't thank you enough for your contributions to the Michigan Special Olympics Program. Our 1988 endurance ride was a great success. Although snow conditions were unbearable at times, the Wertz's Warriors, 53 strong, along with the help of our support crew, were able to reach all of our destinations.

With your support and the support of others, I was able to raise approximately \$3,400 for the program this year.

Along with funds raised by other Riders, Clubs, and Raffles, we, the Wertz's Warriors, were able to present John Walsh, the President of the Michigan Special Olympics, with a check for a quarter of a million dollars.

A check for this amount of money made it possible for the Wertz's Warriors to cover the total cost of the Winter Olympics for the second year in a row. The Wertz's Warriors are the only support group of this kind in the country that has this type of program to support its State Special Olympic Games.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generous contribution to our special program and hope you will continue to support me in the program in the coming years, as the cost of the program, like everything else today, continues to get slightly more expensive each year.

From the bird's eye view I had in this program, the special kids will cherish these memories forever.

Sincerely yours,
Robert Pollack □

Capital Gains

Q. I own some shares in a mutual fund. I have received notices of capital gains that are being reinvested for me. I have also been notified that the fund is paying the tax on these gains. How will this affect my income tax?

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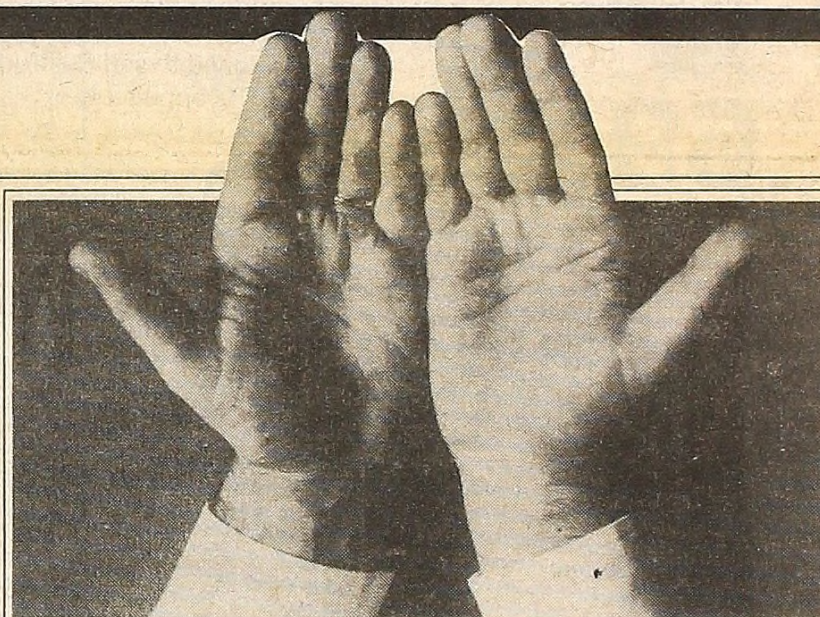
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It's the Law

by Murray A. Duncan, Jr., Attorney

Q. Are personal injury proceeds marital assets?

A. Personal injury proceeds are marital assets, which may be divided in a Divorce Judgment between the injured and the non-injured spouse upon divorce.

Q. Do I need a reason to divorce my spouse?

A. The court must grant a divorce if one spouse testifies that there has been a breakdown in the marriage relationship to the extent that the objects of matrimony have been destroyed and there remains no reasonable likelihood that the marriage can be preserved.

Although fault is no longer relevant as to whether or not a divorce is granted, fault remains relevant as to child custody, alimony, support, and property division issues.

Q. What is joint legal and joint physical custody?

A. Joint physical custody is when the child resides with both parents at specified times, and joint legal custody is when the non-custodial parent has a legal right to share in important decisions dealing with the child. Joint custody only works when both parents are able to talk and agree on decisions that affect their child.

If you have a legal question that you would like answered, you may send your question to my office and I will attempt to answer your question in this

paper's next issue. Questions should be mailed to: Murray A. Duncan, Jr., 10000 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. □

And What Are You Into?

by Tom Shamanski

I remember the first time someone asked me that all-popular question, "And what are you into these days?" I was dumbfounded. What am I into? It sounded to me as if this person knew something I didn't. The only thing I ever 'got into' was trouble.

Of course, I 'got into' my clothes each morning, and I 'got into' my car every day, but I kind of suspected he wasn't referring to those things. I don't remember how I answered. I probably confessed my latest blunder, apologized, and sneaked off as quickly as I could.

Of course, I now know that the phrase refers to your latest interest or hobby. Lately, this particular phrase seems to be fading. But that's how popular sayings are. They come, they go, and there's always another to replace it.

I guess I've been 'into' a lot of different things through the years. I jogged seven years, until my kidneys became thoroughly fed up with that nonsense and threatened to self-destruct unless I stopped. I stopped. My other endeavors

were also physical. I liked to work out. At various times, I was 'into' yoga, jumping rope, and bicycling.

It seems that, since I began running in 1976, I've been 'into' something or other, until quite recently. And I always read everything I could about each of my latest passions. However, because of my discontented kidneys, I had to quit all the things I was 'into.'

I remember that, after quitting, I visited a local bookstore to browse a bit. Suddenly it hit me like a spastic running shoe — I wasn't 'into' anything anymore! I broke into a cold sweat and left the store as fast as I could. Driving home, I figured out why I was so upset. I now had absolutely no answer if anyone were to ask me, "And what are you into these days?"

As I think about getting 'into' things, I must confess I have a vague sense of guilt. If it's been so important for me to get 'into' something, why couldn't I have picked an activity beneficial to Mankind? I could have chosen medicine, for example. After a few years of being 'into' medicine, perhaps I would have discovered a cure for the common cold. Or I could have concentrated on nuclear weapons. By now I might have designed the ultimate Domsday nuke that would have the Russians shivering in their fur-lined boots. Ah, well, I've been pretty selfish and I guess I'll have to learn to live with that.

The only thing I'm 'into' these days is the same thing I've been 'into' all my life — trouble. Just the other day, my

wife said to me, "Thomas! I have something I want to discuss with you..." □

At the Romulus Library

by Nell Sheppard

Lois Van Stipdonk, children's librarian at the Romulus Public Library for the last 12 years, is being transferred to the Department for the Blind and Physically Handicapped at the headquarters for the Wayne Oakland Library Federation on Van Born Road.

The Librarian and Friends of the Library gave a surprise luncheon in her honor on February 12, attended by co-workers, the Friends of the Library group, and a representative of the Romulus Historical Society.

Lois will be greatly missed, especially by the children. She had charge of the Summer Reading Program and the Story Hour for pre-schoolers, and started the Biblion Club as well, a group of young people 11-14.

She was presented with gifts and good wishes. We shall all miss her at the library. □

Computer Series

by Dan Elwart, D.C.

Part Three of a Series

Well, have you dusted off the cobwebs from your computer yet? If you've taken my advice, you should be able to at least turn the thing on, and maybe even run a program or two.

I know a lot of you have dozens of questions to ask, so how about writing in to *The Romulus News*? I'll answer as many as I can in future articles. If you have a friend that is struggling to 'get into' computers, here is his opportunity. I'm going to lead you by the hand into a new world, but one that others have gone to before.

There are plenty of instructions on how to run a computer, or program, but there are very few that tell you what to do when it doesn't run right. Relax! I'm going to try to help you.

One of the most common questions I get asked is: "Why does my computer 'lock up,' and just seem to stand there?" Here are some things I look for when that happens.

- Is the printer turned on?
- If it is, is the 'ON-LINE' light on?
- Is the printer plugged into the computer?
- Are the cables in the back of the computer on properly?
- Have you remembered to press the 'ENTER' or 'RETURN' key?
- Is the disk drive light on? If it is, then it probably is 'thinking.'
- Have you checked the manual for hints?

If all that fails, then I assume there is a deeper problem. Then I press the 'ESC' key, or press 'CTRL' and 'C' (that tells the computer to 'break out' of the program. Most of the time these things

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Baumann to Leave Romulus

by D. A. Atkins

Ex-Councilman Barry Baumann has decided to move from Romulus, and will already have done so by the time this issue has gone to print.

Barry is moving to the State Capitol of Lansing, away from the many friends he has here in the town that he served so well as City Councilman. There are, of course, some who will not miss him, but anyone who really knew him couldn't help but like him.

Barry and the Mayor had their disagreements, but deep down inside they liked and respected each other just the same. Barry was also involved in controversy with Council at times, but he voted his conscience and that was all there was to it. He was probably the best-versed Council member that we have had in a long time.

Baumann said that the real reason for his leaving is the time he has had to spend in travel and lodging when commuting to his Lansing job, especially when the weather is bad.

Barry said he will miss his friends in Romulus, but will keep in touch with what's happening in Romulus by receiving the "little paper" each time it is published.

Barry Baumann will be missed by many, and maybe someday he will return to our city and serve once again as a public official. □

ALL ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS

From the A.D.

by Fred Coleman, Romulus Schools Activities Director

It seems like every year I am in some kind of a discussion about the worthwhile components of a young lady or young man becoming involved in extra-curricular athletics. This debate is usu-

ally over the effect this involvement will have on a young person's ability in the classroom.

I have never seen a published report on a study concerning this issue, but I can report what I have experienced as a coach and what I have seen in the Romulus Community Schools.

I will be first to admit that there are

exceptions to every rule, but in general I have found that, as a young person becomes more involved in his school through athletics or other activities, it appears as though grades, attendance, and attitude increase in a very positive manner.

Our athletic teams have not won any State championships so far this year, and our victories and losses are just about even for our total program, but our athletic program deserves a great big round of applause, and not for the reasons athletes are usually applauded.

Our program placed 81 of its 126 winter athletes on the honor roll this semester. I do not know off hand if that is the best percentage in this area, or even if that would give us the League Championship for academics in athletics, but I do know that it says something about our athletes, coaches, and the importance of athletics in the development of the total adolescent.

If we stand on the outside and look for things that are wrong with the athletic program we probably all can find something that could be changed or repaired, but if we look at the total benefit of the program — leadership, pride, competitiveness, self worth, and other important ingredients — we can find many reasons why we might want

our sons or daughters to become involved in this worthwhile program.

I am extremely proud of the accomplishments of our athletes this year, as are the parents of these fine young men and women, and I truly hope that, as a member of this community, you also take pride in these young people who are representing your community throughout this area each and every day. □

Manikowski Wins Honors

Stephanie Manikowski is the winner of the *Detroit Free Press* and *Parade Magazine* Young Columbus XXXII Program contest.

The determination was based on an essay written by Stephanie on how her *Free Press* route has helped her, and on the recommendations of her manager and supervisor.

Stephanie has been a *Free Press* carrier for eight years, and has been chosen as 'Carrier of the Week' and 'Carrier of the Month.'

She is a junior at Gabriel Richard High School in Riverview, where she is an honor-roll student and a member of Gabriel Richard's Varsity and Jazz bands (she plays piano and saxophone).

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Romulus Community Schools

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

Regular Meeting, February 8, 1988

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, February 8, 1988, was called to order by President Patterson at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed Member Langley absent (arrived at 7:35 P.M.). All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Patterson.

Approval of Agenda:

Dr. Bedell requested that Item D. 1. "Band Trip" be added to the Agenda.

2/88/1 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Berlinn the Board of Education approve the Agenda as amended by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

2/88/2 Moved by King supported by Wilkerson the Board approve the Minutes of January 25, 1988, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

Bus Drivers Joyce Weber and Sharon Cardinal (Local 64) addressed Board on safety while opening the hoods on the buses for maintenance. Mrs. Cardinal also discussed icy conditions in bus parking lot.

Mrs. Stratton spoke about icy conditions and the need for a maintenance crew to check hazards in the bus yard.

Report of the Superintendent:

Personnel Actions

Dr. LeCesne recommended the following Personnel Actions for Board approval:

A. Leave of Absence: Sheila Stasak, Teacher - Halecreek, Child Care Leave, 2/8/88 - 8/31/88. **B. Resignation:** Karen Samples, Adult Ed., Other Employment, Eff. 2/4/88.

2/88/3 Moved by King supported by Berlinn the Board of Education approve the Personnel Actions as presented by Dr. LeCesne. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

2/88/4 Moved by King supported by Berlinn the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Administrator Carr. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

High School Student Presentation - Aids Information

Romulus High School students made a presentation to Board Members on Aids.

Discussion of Airport Lobbyist

2/88/5 Moved by Bales supported by Wilkerson the President of the Board of Education appear before the City Council and Administration asking their status on airport bill and lobbying effort. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Band Trip

2/88/6 Moved by Bales supported by Wilkerson the Board approve the Band's trip to Florida as presented by Mr. Kruse. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell discussed the following Items of Interest with Board Members: 1) Junior High Band Achievements; and 2) Kosteva Press Release - State Aid.

Adjourn to Study Session - Election Planning

2/88/7 Moved by Berlinn supported by King the Board convene in Study Session for Election Planning. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:56 P.M.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Member Langley: Spoke to Board on Policy Committee Report on Administration and made Evaluation Form recommendation. Member Langley also asked for Study Session on Board Evaluation Procedure. (Requests thank you to committee members for their help on this form.)

Member Kesner: Asked if going to proceed with "Partners in Education" Program, a joint-sharing relationship with local business. Member Kesner also asked how the "Reach" Program was progressing.

Member King: Announced February 20th dance at Eagle Nest sponsored by High School Band. Also asked about busing for boys and girls sporting events. Member King reminded Board and Administration about Wednesday meeting at high school (Feb. 10 at 7:00 P.M.)

Member Bales: Asked about use of Metro Clinic and repair of outdoor basketball hoops.

Member Patterson: Commented about lavatory partition at Senior High School sporting events.

Executive Session - Negotiations

2/88/8 Moved by Berlinn supported by King the Board convene in Executive Session for purpose of Negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 10:16 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 10:47 P.M.

Adjournment:

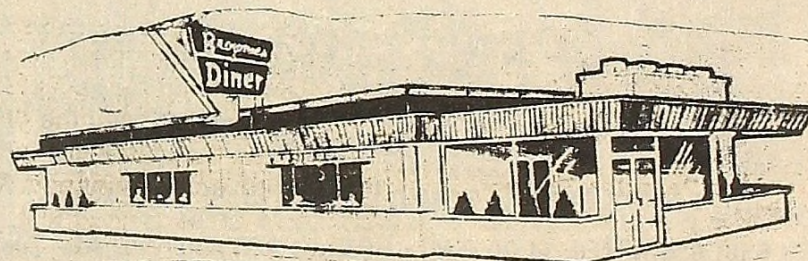
2/88/9 Moved by Kesner supported by Wilkerson the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel R. Bales, Secretary
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A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR CLASS

by Mary Clark

Cholesterol Screening

There will be a cholesterol screening on Tuesday, March 15, from 12 to 2:30 p.m. at the Romulus Senior Center, 36515 Bibbins (942-6852). The test, a finger-stick evaluation, takes only five minutes, and the results are known immediately. The cost of this program, which is presented by Annapolis Hospital's Occupational Health Services, Wellness Department, is \$4, requires no fasting, and people will be seen on a first-come first-serve basis.

Cholesterol is an essential body chemical used to make hormones, cell membranes, vitamin D, bile acids, and the protective sheath around nerve fibers. The human liver typically produces 1,000 milligrams of cholesterol a day, and after the first six months of life, cholesterol is not needed in the diet.

Nonetheless, the average adult American consumes about 600 milligrams of cholesterol a day. Though less than that made by the liver, this dietary cholesterol seems to overwhelm the ability of many people to maintain low levels of cholesterol in their blood and to prevent deposits of cholesterol from clogging their arteries.

Far more important than the cholesterol eaten are the total amounts and kinds of fats in the diet. Fats account for about 85 percent of the effect the diet has on blood cholesterol levels.

Most of the evidence shows a clear link between how much fat and cholesterol people regularly eat, how much cholesterol can be found in their blood, and how high is the risk of dying of coronary heart disease, the nation's leading cause of death.

News from the Romulus Towers

Birthday greetings to the following Towers residents who were born in the month of March:

- 1 — Frances Filek
- 1 — Helen Richards
- 4 — Florence Valentine
- 5 — Mary Jaskolski
- 5 — Joan Scibilia
- 14 — Marie Wilkerson
- 15 — Howard Bloss
- 15 — Hubert Gilbert
- 15 — Marie Hines
- 17 — Robbie Hughes
- 17 — Frances Surber
- 18 — Esther Bradford
- 20 — Elizabeth Smith
- 20 — James Swanigan
- 26 — Eleanor Brzezecki
- 27 — Theresa Sementkowski
- 28 — Anna Osby
- 28 — Ruth Ulrich
- 30 — Ortrude (Rena) Kersey
- 31 — Oscar Ward

May your birthday be filled with joy enough to last until your birthday

comes again!

Activities at the Towers

Dr. Borson, foot doctor, will be at the Towers March 14 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On March 15 the Versatiles, a variety show, will entertain at 1:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

The Stewart Gospel Singers will be back with some really great singing on March 15 at 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

News from the Romulus Senior Center Care Management Now Available.

Care Management is a program designed to assist the frail elderly person who wants to remain at home, but may be having a difficult time obtaining those services that would allow him to do so. The idea of this program is to provide assistance in the home in order to prevent an unnecessary move into a nursing home. Call 282-7171 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Club #1 Chit Chat. On Tuesday, April 5, Club #1 members are planning a discount shopping trip to the Manufacturer's Market Place in Monroe. These stores have discounts from 30 to 70%. This will be a good time for a group outing, and we hope a lot of members will try to go. Transportation will cost \$2 and we will also buy our own lunches. If you don't feel like shopping you can just browse or come along with your friends for the ride.

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The tags, which are modeled after similar tags for children, have been endorsed by police, paramedics and the Administration on Aging.

For a free two-pack set of tags, send a stamped, self-addressed legal-size envelope to Lifesaver Charities, PO Box 125-MM, Buena Park, CA 90621.

Toronto Trip. Romulus Seniors presents a trip to Toronto for 3 days and 2 nights for only \$239 (complete price, based on double room occupancy). The tour date is Friday, July 22, 1988. For reservations and information, contact Marilyn Masters at 36515 Bibbins, Romulus, MI 48174, or you can call her at 942-6052. □

Taking Your Medication

This reprint from Biomedical Information Corporation's Compendium of Patient Information was submitted by J. H. Barden, D.O.

Your doctor has prescribed a drug for you that must be taken exactly according to his or her instructions. This guide will explain how drugs act in the body, how to follow your doctor's instructions (with some memory tips), and how to help your doctor develop a dosage regimen that will give you the most benefits with the least side effects.

Drugs

Drugs are defined as substances that alter the body's characteristic natural chemical reactions. Most drugs are compounds that do not naturally occur in the human body. In general, drugs are intended to relieve symptoms or to cure, control, prevent, or diagnose diseases. After they have been at work in the body for a certain period of time, they are gradually eliminated in different ways (through the lungs, urine, feces, sweat, or tears). The same drugs act differently in different people, especially if they are very young, old, or ill. When, how, and in what period of time a drug is eliminated from the body depend both upon the drug itself and the individual taking it. This is why dosage schedules are different for each drug and sometimes vary between individuals taking the same drug.

Medications are available in different dosage forms. The most common and convenient are oral forms, which include tablets, capsules, and liquids. A *sublingual* tablet is placed under the tongue and allowed to dissolve, whereas *buccal* tablets are placed in the buccal pouch between the gum and cheek. Topical preparations, such as ointments, creams, solutions, lotions, powders, and sprays, are often used to treat infections and inflammations of the skin, eyes, or ears. Sometimes, when a rapid clinical action is desired, or if the oral form of a drug is not effective or impossible to give because of nausea or vomiting, a drug is given by injection. This is usually done by a health-care practitioner, unless the patient or a family member has been

trained to give the injection (an example would be regular insulin injections for a diabetic). Once in a while, a drug is given as a rectal suppository, as in the case of an antinauseant. A relatively new method of drug delivery is *transdermal*, meaning "through the skin." This method involves placing a medicated patch on the skin near the drug's target site, for example, above the heart for nitroglycerin or behind the ear for treating motion sickness.

Although much has been said about the hazards of drugs, the vast majority of medications are safe for most people *if they are used as directed*. Before a new drug can be marketed in the United States, it must undergo rigorous testing in both animals and humans. However, all drugs have desirable and undesirable effects, and many do not mix with each other or with certain foods. The potential for unwanted effects can be minimized if you have reliable information. Your doctor and pharmacist are the best sources for specific information about the drugs you take. Information garnered from friends, relatives, newspaper or magazine articles, and other nonmedical sources should not be used to alter a drug regimen without checking with your doctor. Also, never share your prescription medicine with others, as it has been tailored especially for you and your particular condition.

How to Take Medication

The more well-informed you are, the better you will be able to take your medication correctly. You should also know what to expect from the drug prescribed and what things to report to your doctor.

- Know exactly why you are taking the medication correctly. You should also know what to expect from the drug prescribed and what things to report to your doctor.
- Know the product's brand name and generic name and their correct spellings.
- Know exactly how much medication you should take and how often. If a liquid has been prescribed, use a standard measuring spoon, as household spoons tend to vary in size.
- Ask what to do if you happen to

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She is also a youth volunteer at Ann Arbor Hospital.

Stephanie has been chosen to represent the *Detroit Free Press* and *Parade Magazine* on an educational and cultural all-expense-paid trip to Scotland and England from April 5-14. The 10-day trip includes visits to historic Edinburgh Castle, Holyroodhouse, once the home of Mary Queen of Scots; a tour of Stirling, 'Gateway to the Highlands'; a rail journey to London on *The Flying Scotsman*; visits to Madame Tussaud's Waxworks Museum, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, Hampton Court Palace, the Tower of London, and Buckingham Palace to see the Changing of the Guard; a tour of the lovely English countryside with stops at Oxford and Shakespeare's birthplace, Stratford-Upon-Avon; and a Thames River cruise to Greenwich.

As a Young Columbus Ambassador, Stephanie will be greeted by dignitaries in Scotland and England. She will be traveling with other young newspaper carriers from all over the U.S. □

Varsity Basketball

The regular season came to a close on Thursday evening with a hard-fought defeat to Southgate Aquinas, 65-54.

"We ended a tough 5-15 season on a positive note," stated Coach Dan Henry. "Our last five games have shown the character of this team. We have been in all of these games, and have won three including our best victory of the year over Ann Arbor Huron, who were at that time tied for the League title."

The Eagles, led most of the year by seniors Brent Bonam and Willie Maull, had to adjust their lineup when Bonam went down with an injury. Maull continued his backcourt leadership and scoring, but the difference came in the maturation of some of our underclassmen.

"Graham Scott started playing well in the last two weeks," said Henry. "When you're 6'8" you have to control the inside, and in these past games Graham began playing real well for us. Arol Trinity and Kelvin Brown have both become solid players of late also, and all three are returning next season."

Two other big surprises have been Diya Muhammed and Darius Lundy,

both juniors who became eligible to play second semester.

"We have the nucleus of a solid team next year," added Coach Henry. "With another year behind sophomore Virgil Davis, he may be able to replace Maull's talent at point guard and, with some work and improvement by our young big men, we could show a great difference between this season and next."

On Wednesday, March 9, the Varsity Eagles will begin their seven-game quest for a State Championship.

"We play the winner of the Wayne Memorial/Taylor Kennedy game at 8 p.m. at Wayne's gymnasium," said Dan Henry. "Belleville has to be the favorite going into the district, but these teams are so even that anyone can win. I hope people look at our 5-15 record and see us as the underdog. This is not a 5-15 team, and I really believe we can win this district if we do what we do best and don't try and outshoot these teams. Hey, remember 1986? We were picked to lose every game in the State Tournament. I just hope people are picking us to lose again."

Good luck, Eagles! □

Varsity Wrestling Season Summary

The 1987-88 Eagle Wrestling season was very successful, with a dual meet record of nine wins and two losses. The team captured four championship trophies at Romulus, Monroe, Lincoln Park, and South Central Conference League tournaments, and won two runner-up trophies at the Trenton and Toledo Waite invitationals. It also captured the third-place trophy at the John Glenn Invitational.

And all of this success came for the team in its first year as an official member of the South Central Conference League.

Individually, the wrestlers won 78 medals from the eight tournaments they participated in this year.

Districts were held at Bedford High School on Saturday, February 13, and there Bruce Boyd, Dennis Corder, Tim Kosikowski, Paul Nowicki, and Tony Venturini qualified to wrestle at the Regional Wrestling Tournament held at Plymouth-Salem High School Saturday, February 20. These same five wrestlers qualified for the State Final

Wrestling Tournament held at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, Michigan, on Friday and Saturday, February 26 and 27. Tony Venturini won the State Championship Title in the 98-pound weight class, and Paul Nowicki placed fourth in the heavyweight division.

Bruce Boyd qualified for the State Tournament as a sophomore in the 119-pound weight class. He won three tournaments and a League Championship, and placed third at Districts, third at Regionals, and had a career record of 56 wins and 32 losses.

Tim Kosikowski qualified for the State Tournament as a sophomore in the 112-pound weight class. He won five tournaments and a League Championship, and placed second at Districts, second at Regionals, and had a career record of 54 wins and 20 losses.

Paul Nowicki qualified for the State Tournament as a junior in the heavyweight division. He won six tournaments, a League Championship and a District Championship, and placed second at Regionals, fourth in the State, and had a career record of 68 wins and 13 losses.

Dennis Corder, a senior and Captain of the team, qualified for the State Tournament in the 126-pound weight class. He won two tournaments and a League Championship, and placed third at Districts, third at Regionals, and had a career record of 80 wins and 26 losses.

Tony Venturini, a senior and Captain of the team, qualified for the State Tournament in the 98-pound weight class. He won nine tournaments, a League Championship and a District Championship, placed second at Regionals, won a State Championship, and had a career record of 135 wins and 17 losses. □

Junior High Wrestlers Finish Their Season Undefeated

The Romulus Junior High Wrestling season came to an exciting close, garnishing a great record of seven wins, no losses and one tie. In addition, the 'Bulldogs' won two first-place trophies and one second-place trophy in tournament action.

The Junior High mat men can feel proud of their performance this year. The competition was tough, but the dedicated grapplers were successful

at keeping their record free of losses.

The competition included the junior highs of the Class A and Class B State Champions of Michigan (Bedford and Eaton Rapids). The Bulldogs also wrestled many Ohio schools in some tournaments, and placed far ahead of some of the best junior-high wrestlers in that state.

Coach Cuhnan said, "We wrestle so tough that we have a hard time getting teams at the junior-high level to wrestle us. Scores such as 108-6 (vs. Garden City), 96-18 (vs. Ypsilanti West), and 102-9 (vs. Redford Hilbert) are not uncommon. The Romulus Junior High Wrestling team has a four-year record of 53-3-1!"

The Junior-High program has some talented young wrestlers who someday will prove to be welcomed additions to the High-School program. All three Captains, Dale Gehringer, Brian McNett, and Ebony Wilson, broke the record for total career wins this year. McNett and Wilson both had 37 wins and Gehringer had 30 wins in two years of wrestling. These three outstanding young men earned the title of 'Most Valuable Player,' and they were also selected as the best eighth-grade wrestlers this year. Along with having a talent for wrestling, McNett, Wilson, Gehringer, and many other wrestlers have grade point averages above a 3.0.

Other talented wrestlers who earned the MVP award were Felton Bush, David Gains, Nathan Curtis, Melvin Dorsey, Jason Drouillard, Terry Fobbes, Willie Jackson, Eddie Morgan, Tony Rodgers, Mark Warren and Aaron Young.

Coach Cuhnan is optimistic about next year. "We have good, strong wrestlers like Bush, Jackson, Marcum, Fobbes, and others returning next year. Next year should be interesting," he adds.

The coaches and team would like to thank the many supportive parents, teachers and students who attended the meets and cheered the team to victory. They also extend special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. McNett, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, Mr. Marcum, Mr. Warren, and Mr. Drouillard for being such dedicated fans. They appreciate the great services of Larry Thomas, Don Foley and Jane Straith-Rose for all their help throughout the year, and are grateful (continued on page 13)

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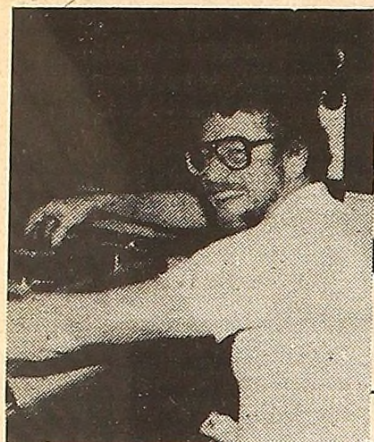
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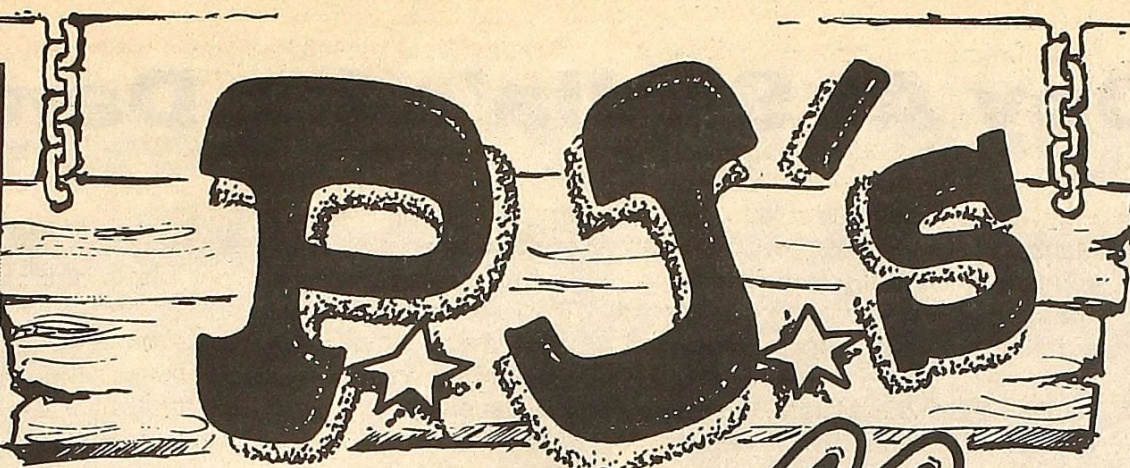
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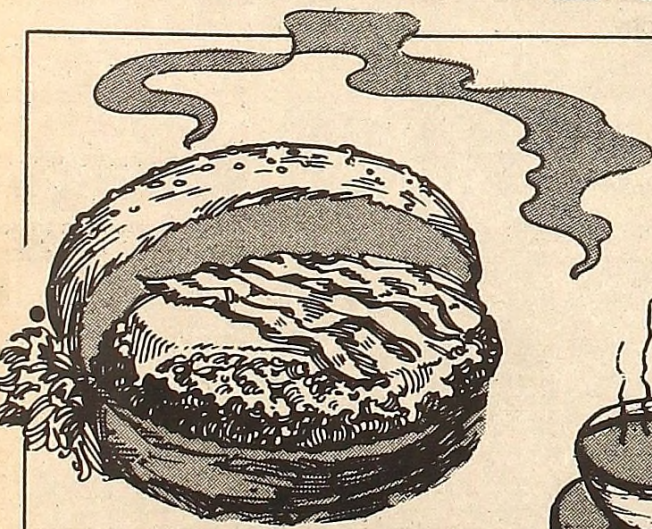
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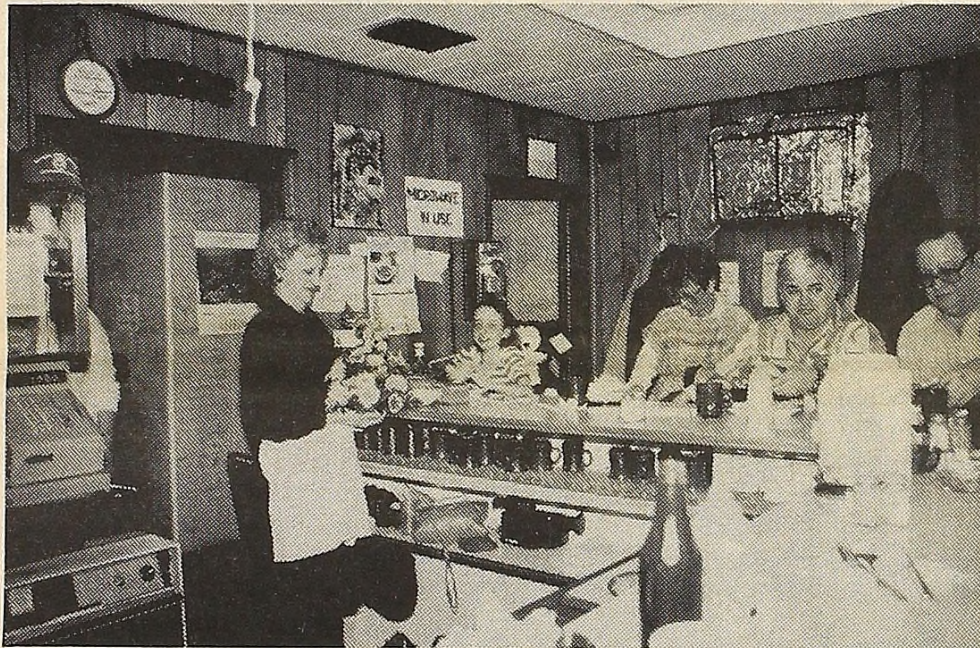
A Day At Stella's for Dana



Two unidentified women read the story about Dana in *The Romulus News*.



Dana, mom Maureen, and two ladies from Alpena who were here for a visit.



Stella, Dana, and Dana's mother look at flowers brought for Stella.



A few good customers outside Stella's Cafe on a bright Dana Day.



Part of the gang that worked so hard at Stella's Cafe to raise a whopping \$4,000.00 for little Dana.

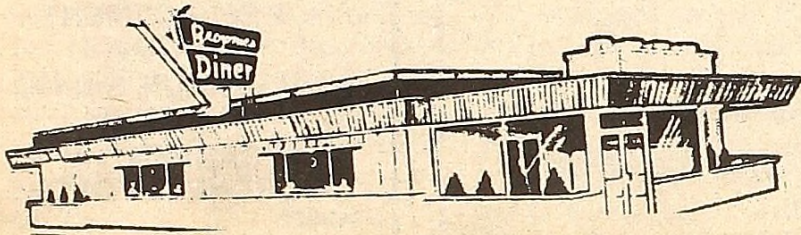


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Buck at Lucille's

Former Romulus resident and high-school student Tommy Buck is in the music business and doing very well, thank you.

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Tom left school and was going to work for his dad in the plumbing business, but finally decided that it was not for him. His love of music was too great.

He formed basement bands, but nothing much came of that so he experimented with the Rock 'N' Roll scene. He played Rock for a while, and then went to work for a very-well-known entertainer at that time, Elvis Shelton. He played guitar so well that almost every band leader in the City was after him to come to work. It took him some time, however, to decide to leave Shelton, with whom he had a secure job.

At the age of 20, Tommy went to work for a Country entertainer, Dave Atkins, at a club called Millie's Country Corral in Brownstown. He stayed with Atkins for well over two years.

In fact, Tom and Atkins became as close as father and son; so close, in fact, that Atkins still calls Tom his son and would fight at the drop of a hat for him. It was not an easy chore, however, for Tom to get into Country Music after

playing Rock and Elvis music for so long.

While working for Atkins, Tom married and had a baby boy named after him; needless to say, young Tommy is the apple of his daddy's eye.

Tom left Atkins after a couple of years, and went to work for Carl and Brenda Vanover, with whom he worked for some time. He finally left that group and started playing for Casey Clark, Atkins' fiddle-playing father-in-law. Tom was probably the first guitar player in several years to please Clark; Clark said he played guitar "the right way." Tom Buck has a way of getting close to you, making himself well liked by probably everyone who has ever known him.

Finally, after some strong encouragement from Atkins, Tom went to work with former Barbara Mandrell guitar

player Jack Molette. He played with Jack for about two years until Jack left the Detroit area to return to Nashville. Molette remarked many times before he left that Tom Buck was probably one of the finest guitar players in this country.

The bass player took over the band after Jack left Lucille's, and Tom stayed with that group for another three years. Then the bass player left, and Anant Patel, the owner of Lucille's, asked Tom if he would like to form his own band and stay at the club. Although he was nervous at first, he agreed to stay.

Tom Buck is now the Band Leader and Chief Honcho at Lucille's as far as the music is concerned, and his band, Willow Creek, is doing an excellent job. Tom and his band work every Tuesday through Saturday, if you would

like to stop in and see them. You'll hear great Country Music, along with Rock, '50s, and a little of everything else that is pleasant to the ear. (Lucille's is located on Michigan Avenue about one-half mile west of I-275.) □

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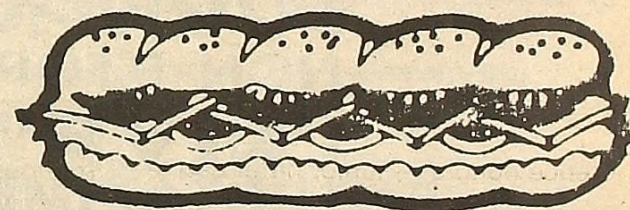
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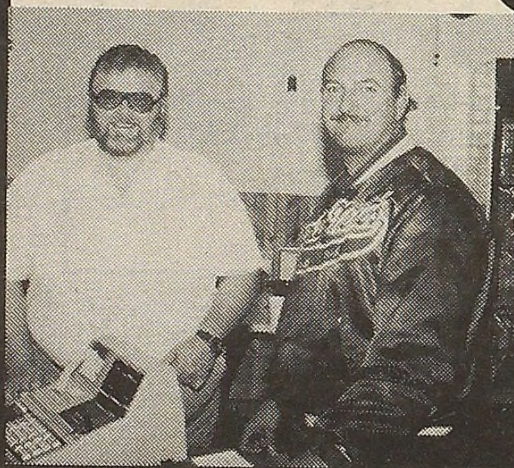
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Our Schools

to Mr. Merriweather, Mrs. Cook, and all of the patient bus drivers who provided their support and concern.

Congratulations to coaches Bill Cuhnan and Vern Logan and their fine team on another successful season. □

Eagle Volleyball Wrap-Up

A sports season record does not always give you a true picture of a team. The Lady Eagles finished their season with a record of only 13 wins to 23 losses, with seven tournament splits, but should be proud of what they accomplished.

While playing the toughest schedule ever played by a Romulus Volleyball team, they managed to break almost every offensive and defensive record set during the last six years of Coach Coleman's six-year tenure as Varsity Coach. During the season, the girls faced four top-ten State-ranked teams; one of them, Trenton, was faced six times, and in each case a battle for the victory ensued.

In tournament play, the Eagles won two second-place trophies. They took second in the Romulus Eight-Team Holiday Invitational and in the Monroe Jefferson Eight-Team Invitational, and took fifth place in the *News Herald* Twenty-four-Team Invitational at Lincoln Park.

Probably the biggest challenge of the season was the team's entry into the tough South Central Conference. Of the five teams in the Conference, Romulus finished in fourth place — behind Ann Arbor Pioneer, Ann Arbor Huron, and Adrian, but ahead of Ypsilanti. None of these teams took the Eagles lightly, as they played well in Conference matches.

The strength of the Conference was shown this past weekend as Pioneer took first in the post-season District Tournament, defeating Huron in the final match.

Two Lady Eagles have received Conference honors — junior hitter Laurie Berlinn made the All-Conference team, while senior setter Jennifer Beck received an Honorable Mention.

The hard work that all of these girls have put forth this season will have a great impact on the future improvement

of the program. To the graduating seniors, Jennifer Beck, Dennise Corder, Lisa Gibson, Sheri Hampton, Kim Lyles and Chris Murray, you are going to be missed. Good luck for the future, wherever its path may lead.

The Lady Eagles wish to express a special thanks to all of their loyal fans and friends, and hope to see everyone next year. □

Romulus J.V. Volleyball Season Over

The J.V. Volleyball team completed the 1988 season with an outstanding 32-6 record. In League play, the Eagles posted a perfect 6-0 record for the second straight year, and won the South Central Conference League for J.V.s

Coach Dennis Stoh said, "This team was the finest I have ever coached, and it should provide a solid nucleus of players in the Volleyball program for years to come."

Sophomores played an important part in the Eagle lineup, as Co-Captains Susan Hamel and Chris Stratton led the way. Stacy Cowens, another fine sophomore, joined freshmen Jennifer Daniel, Michele Scarrow, and Tammy Trubilowicz to round out a starting group that was indeed tough to beat.

Highlights for the J.V. Eagles included winning the championship at the Lincoln Park Tournament and the 11-match string of victories at the end of the season (new J.V. record).

"We just didn't lose to anyone but great teams," said Coach Stoh. "The only disappointment was the fact that we couldn't beat last year's school record of 33 victories (also set by the J.V. Volleyball team)."

The J.V. team will miss those players moving up to Varsity level next season. Those sophomores leaving the squad compiled a tremendous 65-11 record over two seasons, and include Stacy Cowens, Susan Hamel, Yvette Mason, Melissa Spears, Chris Stratton, and Rose Trosin. The freshmen, many of whom should compete for Varsity positions next season are Renee Bitner, Jennifer Daniel, Brooke Hammers, Kristy Manson, Sue Molenda, Michele Scarrow, Angie Slawinski, and Tammy Trubilowicz.

Good luck and congratulations. □

Romulus J.V. Volleyball Team Wins Tournament

The Lincoln Park Tournament al-

ways seems to bring out the very best in the Romulus J.V. team. The Eagles have competed in this tournament six times and won it five times over the past few years. This year was no exception, and Romulus walked away with the first-place trophy.

As the Eagles entered the tournament, they had some questions in their minds because they had finished second three times in previous '88 tournament play. They just didn't seem to be able to win the big game. But like a charm, the Romulus J.V. team pulled out its best performance of the year in Lincoln Park and played with a lot of confidence.

Romulus posted a perfect 6-0 record in pool play by defeating Allen Park, Cabrini, and Taylor Kennedy in straight games. In the semifinals, Romulus defeated host Lincoln Park (15-4, 15-11) to keep the winning streak going. The championship match pitted Romulus against Mt. Carmel — the same two teams that appeared in last year's finals.

The first game of the final match may have been the best one of the whole season for the Eagles. They executed the offense to perfection and shocked the Mt. Carmel Comets, 15-3. Mt. Carmel made it close in the last game, 16-14, but it just seemed to be the Eagles' day on the court. In the two games the Eagles had attempted 58 spikes, had 27 kills, had a serving ratio of 93%, and were just too much for Mt. Carmel. □

Obituaries

Harold A. Kranick

Romulus resident Harold A. Kranick died in his home on February 29, 1988. He was 85 years old.

Harold was the beloved husband of Clariace (Dobbyn) Kranick, and the dear father of Deanna E. Lovenduski of Romulus and Harold A. Kranick of Omaha, Nebraska. He is also survived by brothers Wilfred Tennant of Elk Rapids, Lloyd Tennant of Dexter, and Roy Kranick of Redford Township; sister Mrs. Iola Crawley of Taylor, two grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Harold was a member of the Community United Methodist Church of Romulus, and retired from the Ford Motor Company in 1963.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 3, at Baum-Crane Funeral Home in Romulus, with the Rev. J.D. Landis of Community United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was at Romulus Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Baum-Crane Funeral Home.

Susan I. Scheerer

Susan I. Scheerer, of 8966 Whitehorn, Romulus, died February 29, 1988, at Lykes Memorial Hospital in Brooksville, Florida. She was 88 years old.

Susan was the dear mother of Mrs. Newell (Violet) McNeil, and the grandmother of three grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 4, at Baum-Crane Funeral Home.

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Straight From the Heart

by Dan Elwart, D.C.

My father, Dr. Ray Elwart, and I were talking the other day. Dad told me that a patient was telling him that she (the patient) got a cold from her husband. We both agreed that, although we knew what she meant, the idea was not quite correct. You don't 'get' a cold from anyone. It's true that people can transmit a germ or virus to you, but that still doesn't 'give' you the cold.

"So, how do you get a cold?" you ask. You get a cold by having a lowered resistance, first of all. If there are cold 'germs' around when your resistance is low, then you are more likely to get one. It may sound the same, but it isn't. Dad explained to his patient that in, say, a family of four, maybe two people will get the cold and the other two will stay completely well. Why? Because the two that stayed well had a higher resistance.

"What determines your resistance?" Several things, among them the general health of your body, and how well it is functioning. If every tissue, organ, and gland is working the way it was designed to, then you have a 'higher resistance' and you are healthy. But if some parts of your body are not working properly, then you have a 'lower resistance.' An example would be a person that goes into a hospital just for

routine examinations, but ends up with double pneumonia. His resistance to these germs is lower, and therefore he got it. On the other hand, the doctors and nurses working around the same germs and viruses go about their duties without so much as a sniffle. Their resistance is high.

Of course, proper rest, good nutrition, and exercise are also major factors in your resistance. If you don't have time to eat right, then your body probably won't have time to keep you well!

The way that Chiropractic fits into this picture is that, by keeping a good line of communication between your brain and the rest of your body, the body will work better and therefore give you higher resistance. The Chiropractor accomplishes this by checking your spine and determining if there are any areas of 'nerve interference,' and then correcting them.

So, the moral of the story is . . . If you want to 'catch' a cold, get your resistance lowered and then . . . watch out!

Side note: The 'plan' is still working, and although I have no fear of being blown away by the wind, the clothing stores will be getting my business shortly! Thanks for your encouragement! □

News from the Recreation Department

Distinguished Service Award

The City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation is looking for nominees for its Distinguished Service Award. This award will be presented to an outstanding recreational supporter for the City of Romulus.

To qualify for this award, the candidate must have spent at least five years in volunteer capacity in one or more recognized recreational activities in the City of Romulus. All nominations must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. April 3 to the Recreation Department. The presentation will be made during Michigan Week.

To obtain a nomination form, contact the Recreation Department.

Men's Softball

The Recreation Department is sponsoring a men's softball league. Interested teams should contact James Baldwin at the Recreation Department Office at 942-6852. The next scheduled meeting is April 11 at 7 p.m. in the Recreation Center.

Father/Son Tourney Results

The Father/Son Bowling Tourney, held Saturday, February 27, at the Romulus Bowling Lanes, turned out to be a successful event. Twenty-seven teams took part in the program spon-

sored by the Romulus Recreation Department. After all the pizza and pop was gone and the prizes had been awarded, the final three teams were awarded trophies. Top finishers were (Place, Bowlers, Series):

- 1, Keith & Anthony Kreyger, 850
- 2, John & John Mercer, 834
- 3, Tom McGhen & Brett Smith, 822
- 4, Joe Piskovic & Darren Johnson, 801
- 5, Conrad & Konrad Jager, 783
- 5, Jeff & Dale Peters, 783
- 7, Ron & Sean Dick, 773
- 8, John & Jeremy Evitts, 764
- 9, Kirk & Kirk Kraft, 762
- 10, Sam Ruffolo & Dominic Evitts, 761

The Mother/Daughter Tourney will be held on Saturday, March 12, beginning at 4 p.m. Pre-registration is necessary. For further information, call the Recreation Department at 942-6852. □

K-8 to Give CAT

During the week of March 21, the Romulus Community Schools will be administering the California Achievement Test to every student in Kindergarten through eighth grade.

The Junior-High students will take the test on Tuesday, March 22, and Wednesday, March 23. Students will be released from school at 1:15 p.m. March 22, and 1:25 p.m. March 23. □

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Computer Series

will at least get me to where I can start again, but if that still doesn't do it, then I try to determine how much damage could be done by 'RESETTING' or shutting the computer off. If little or no damage, then I just reset it. But if I'm in the midst of an important program, and I have checked, double-checked, and maybe even asked someone to look over my shoulder, then I call the dealer that sold me the program, or the company that made it. About 99% of the time that takes care of it, but when it doesn't, I have to bite the bullet and shut the system down. And that is where I have come to appreciate the power of making backups (copies of the program). Most software will even tell you that, when you are doing vital processing, you should make a backup before you continue so that you protect yourself against a 'lock up.'

I hope this helps. Keep those cards and letters coming in! □

In My Opinion

thing done with the Downtown Area. It is my understanding that, often, so few of the members show up at meetings that there are not enough people present to have a quorum. If the committee members are not interested enough to show up for the meetings, doesn't it leave you wondering just how much they really care about the Downtown Area?

At the Council meeting held Monday, March 7, the Downtown Development Authority asked Council for a block grant of \$80,000. They were so concerned about getting the money that the only one who appeared before Council was Dennis Dakes, and it looked like it took him by surprise when he had to speak for the group. Get the picture? The attitude is "We want it done, but we don't want to be inconvenienced in the process."

Many things could be done to get the Downtown Section revived again. Specialty shops are one option — the City could buy some of the old houses

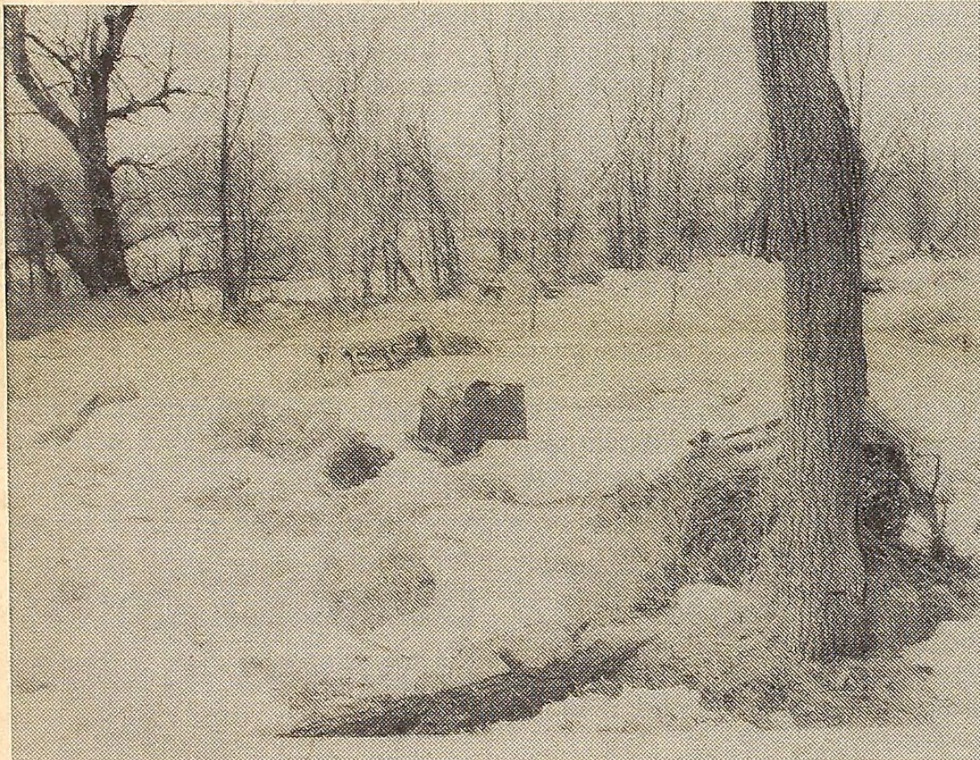
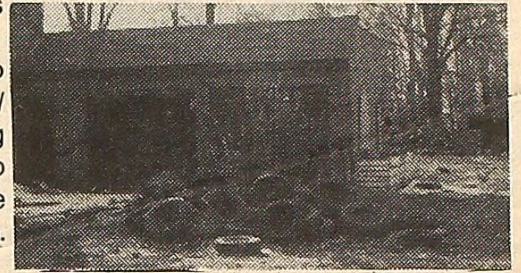
along Goddard, Downtown, and lease them to tenants who are interested in starting a business there.

Use the Airport all you wish; it could be a blessing in disguise as far as bringing business to the Downtown Area is concerned.

Yes, there is a developer trying to accomplish something in the Merriman/Ecorse roads area, but it will be a long time getting finished. Those of us who really love this city would like to see something done to the Downtown Area.

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Maybe we could use a few good, new members on the DDA. □



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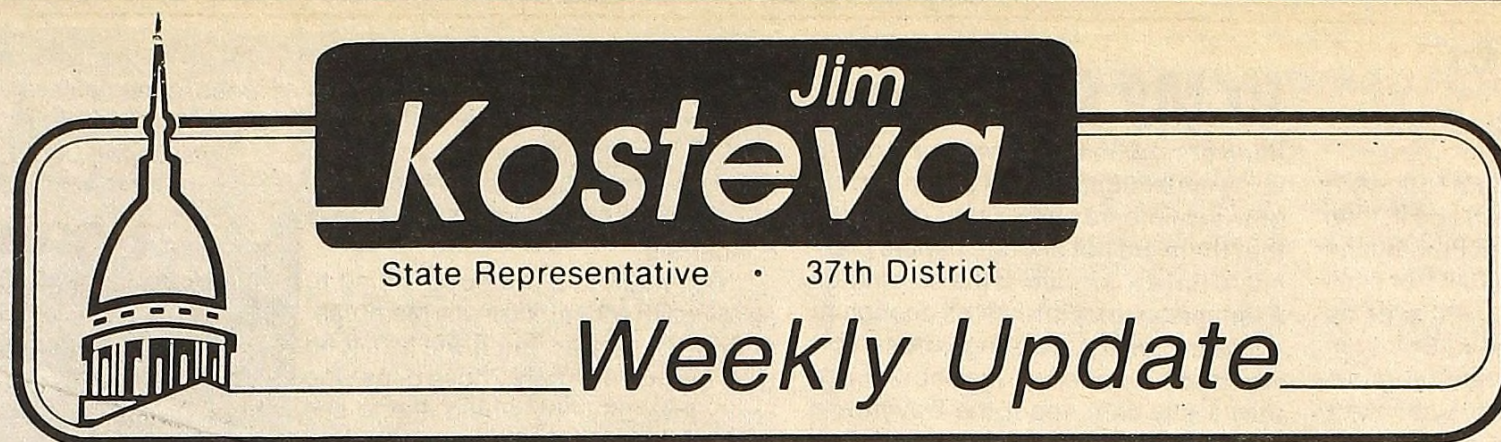
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MSHDA Allocates More Funds for Homeless

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) has distributed close to \$1 million to non-profit groups that provide shelter for homeless people across the State. The grant money, which is raised by MSHDA through the sale of bonds and supplemented by Federal funds, will be used to expand and develop existing houses and other structures for use by the homeless.

Bill Would Require Home Buyers Be Informed of Nearby Waste Sites

Under a bill now before a House committee, a real-estate agent would be required to tell potential home purchasers of any waste disposal sites located near the property. Before the sale is completed, the buyer would have to be told about any known solid waste transfer facility, sanitary landfill, processing plant or other type of solid or hazardous waste facility located within two miles of the property.

House Votes to Allow Local Blind/Elderly Exemptions

The House has voted to allow local governments in Michigan to offer an additional exemption on city income taxes for blind or elderly individuals. The Legislature has already restored the additional exemptions on State taxes. The State exemptions were eliminated in last year's Federal tax restructuring.

Legislation Proposes Detroit-Chicago High-Speed Rail Link

A proposed House bill would create an inter-state commission to aid the development of a high-speed rail link between Detroit and Chicago. The commission would evaluate private-sector proposals and recommend the most appropriate proposal to the governors of Michigan, Indiana and Illinois. The commission would also recommend financial aid or incentives that may be provided by each state and by the Federal government for the rail project.

Bills Would Streamline Licensing for Financial Services

A package of House-passed bills would streamline the licensing of some banking businesses in Michigan. Currently, a company that offers financial services has to get as many as five separate licenses from the State. The legislation would create an omnibus or combined license and fee structure for secondary-mortgage, credit-card, car-financing and check-sale services.

House Measure Would Expand Worker's Comp for Firefighters

The House is considering legislation that would allow professional firefighters suffering from 'occupational cancer' to collect worker's compensation. The bill defines occupational cancer as resulting from a firefighter's exposure to smoke, fumes or carcinogenic substances in the course of his or her professional duties.

Lawmakers Approve 'Due Process' in Juvenile Cases

A bill recently passed by the House would guarantee due process in juvenile courts. The bill would assure that the accused young person would have an attorney, and change current juve-

nile delinquency proceedings to include participation by the prosecuting attorney. These proceedings would have to be refereed by someone licensed to practice law in Michigan, which is not currently required.

House Bills Would Alter Probate Court Procedures

A number of pending House bills would alter State Probate Court proceedings. The measures would: require the Probate Court to waive juveniles suspected of crimes such as murder, rape and arson to adult court under most circumstances; ensure that the rights of incapacitated persons are fully protected in probate guardianship proceedings; give the court exclusive jurisdiction of over inheritance matters that can currently come under shared jurisdiction; and expand 'Do-It-Yourself' wills to allow individuals to establish trusts for their survivors without the intervention of the Probate Court.

Legislative Forum is a weekly television program of news, discussion and commentary from the Michigan House of Representatives. Check local TV and Cable listings for stations and broadcast times. □

Asleep at the Wheel

Asleep at the Wheel is the name of an exciting group that plays mostly Country and Country Rock music. But in the City of Romulus, Asleep at the Wheel means anything but music. From now on, people in our area will probably associate that name with the name of George Witzgall of Polka-Dot Party Store fame.

It seems that there was a funeral procession going through town the

other day — evidently a very long one. George had to wait for the procession to pass before he could continue on the journey he was then making in his car.

The funeral procession ended, but George didn't move his vehicle. Several minutes passed with his car remaining motionless, and a severe backup of traffic occurred. Patiently, the people behind him waited for his car to move. It Didn't! Was the man in that car sick? Had he had a heart attack? Had he died at the wheel?

The answer to all of those questions

was no! George Witzgall had fallen asleep at the wheel while waiting for the queue to pass, and was sleeping so soundly that only when another motorist banged on his window did he awaken.

The next time you hear a record by a group called Asleep at the Wheel, think of poor George. If you find a car stopped in the middle of the road, and the driver looks like he is asleep or dead, go wake up George — his wife Dolores is probably looking for him. □

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be further punished financially. You would think, too, that if the State has to raise prices on anyone at all, it would be the offenders of the traffic laws, not the ones who uphold the laws and abide by them. □

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Dana

Anyone who would like to follow the limousine to the Airport is invited. WJBK Channel 2 said it would be there to cover the story, and arrangements have been made through the Romulus Police Department to give a police escort to Dana's limousine and those following her to the airport to wish her well on her trip.

The residents and business people of Romulus have once again proven that this is still a great country and an even greater city to live in because people still love people, and will come to the aid of one in need without hesitation.

Thank you, Romulus, and God Bless each and every one of you for your outstanding support.

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Crime Rate Down in Romulus

The overall crime rate in the City seems to be dropping, especially in certain areas, although some types of crime (Part One Crimes — rape, robbery, homicide, aggravated assault, breaking and entering, larceny over \$50, auto theft, and arson) are on the rise.

Compared to the first two months of 1987, there has been a 4% decrease in overall crime, although car theft is up dramatically. There have been 33 more cars stolen in the first two months of this year than in the same period last year. The biggest reason for this is a lack of security precautions taken by the owners of the stolen vehicles. You really should get into the habit of locking unattended vehicles and, also, taking your keys from the car when you leave it.

Breaking and entering is down 10%, larceny is down 8%, aggravated assault is down 24%, and forcible robberies are down a dramatic 38%.

Part Two Crimes (assault, fraud, forgery, embezzlement, possession of stolen property, malicious destruction

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COMPOSITION CORNER

The purpose of Composition Corner is to provide Romulus residents with the opportunity to dig out, from that bottom bureau drawer, the fruits of their 'shameful secret' hobby, and finally expose them proudly to the light of day — in print!

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by Wanda Johnson (© 1987)

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my strength when you are weak
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my peace of mind which is needed all of the time ...
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I give to you
my tears in a bottle, 'cause they are so dear.
I give to you
my heart which is sincere ...
I give to you
(me) so that you can see that you are very dear to me.
I give to you
my compassion ...
and my truth and honesty ...
I give to you
my loyalty and my understanding ...
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my laughter and my sense of humor.
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Letters to the Editor

However, since this issue has already been brought up in the paper, it is only right for those of us who know the true story to publicly explain the facts. Perhaps this can even be used as a learning experience for many parents, as it is a good example of how a lack of knowledge and participation can cause such a misinterpretation.

Since I am an active member of the Halecreek PTG and was a member of the safety committee that formulated the plan referred to, I feel I am qualified to state the facts as they really are:

1. The teacher truly was almost hit because of the way the traffic was allowed to flow. This only accentuated the problem that the bus drivers had been previously voicing. This was not a concoction of the principal as her letter led us to believe.

2. The matter was brought up at a PTG meeting by the bus drivers. The concern was for the safety of the children being let off from cars at the side of the buses. The bus drivers voiced a legitimate inability to see children then walking in front of the buses to the door and were fearful of hitting a child.

3. The matter was discussed by all the parents that were present. Since there were so many factors to consider, a safety committee was formed.

4. The committee met and after much discussion determined what we felt was the best solution for the safety of the children. Flyers were sent home from school to explain the problem and solution. Even a video was made and shown to the children at the school.

All of the above can be verified through the meeting records instead of just through personal observation which I have learned can be very misleading.

It has also been my experience that if I question something, the best policy is to attend meetings and converse with the actual people involved. If this parent had been in attendance at PTG meetings, I believe she would have come up with the same solution we did because she would be involved in the same thought process. If this parent had missed the meeting but then discussed the problem with those involved, she would have learned that it was not the principal, but rather the PTG group with which she should be participating that made this change a year ago. And lastly, she would have learned through a simple phone call to the Transportation Dept., that the principal has nothing to do with the policy of how full the school buses are and who rides them.

There are so many more loopholes in her letter, such as the condition and length of where the children are dropped off at, that they cannot all be addressed in this space.

So in closing, I would only hope that this incident will serve as a good example of the belief that myself and many other parents at the school have: that we have no right to complain about something unless we know the facts.

and are actively participating in a positive way. I am confident that if a No U-Turn sign is put up by the city, the matter would be brought up at a PTG meeting and a solution worked out by the participating concerned parents. I am proud to have my children attend an excellent school with a caring PTG group who works with an excellent principal and teachers for the good of our children.

Sincerely,
Karen Spencer

Dear Mr. Atkins,

I am writing this letter to Cathleen Baker and other parents of Romulus School children. I read Cathleen Baker's letter in the editorial about Halecreek School. This problem is at other Romulus schools too.

Cathleen Baker should spend a morning and afternoon watching cars and buses come into the school driveways to unload and pick up their children, and watch children get out in the middle of the driveway in the parking lot and run every which way to get into the building.

Parents should use the sidewalks to unload and pick up children, and have them ready to go to school *before* they get there (comb their hair and give them their kisses, hugs, and lunch money before leaving home).

The problem is not only at Halecreek School, it happens at all of our Romulus schools. It doesn't happen just in the morning, it happens in the evening at dismissal, too.

Maybe our Romulus Police Dept. should be there watching, too — they would see cars speeding and windows full of frost or snow. Some parents think their child is the only one that needs a ride home — try being there on a bad and cold day. I *have* been there, for I am a school bus driver and a parent of Romulus, and my children have attended Romulus Schools.

A Romulus Parent

Medicine

miss taking the drug at the required time.

- Know if the drug should be taken before, after, or with meals. If the instructions are to take the drug on an empty stomach, it should be taken at least one hour before or two hours after eating.
- Keep a list of foods, drinks (including alcohol), or other drugs you should avoid while on the medication. For example, if you are taking tetracycline, your doctor will probably tell you to avoid consuming dairy foods with your medication, as they interfere with the absorption of this drug.
- Ask your doctor or pharmacist if the drug will make you feel sleepy or have any effect on your mood, ability to concentrate, or mental alertness.

- Ask how much time will pass before you will feel the effects of the drug; some antidepressant medications, for example, do not show any beneficial effects until you have been taking them for two weeks or longer.
- Know what kind of side effects might occur with the drug. All drugs have a potential for side effects; some are temporary and some can be reduced by changing the dosage schedule or substituting another medication. Ask which side effects should be taken as serious warnings that should be brought to your doctor's attention immediately.
- Know how long you are supposed to take the drug and if (and when) your prescription should be refilled.
- Know where and how the drug should be stored. In general, drugs should be stored in cool, dry places and not in your medicine cabinet, which may become hot and steamy.
- Ask whether you should save any remaining drug for future use or throw it away.

Special Situations

There are some circumstances in which extra caution should be used when taking medication: if you are pregnant or breast-feeding; if you are on a special diet, such as a low-sugar or low-salt regimen; or if you are supposed to avoid alcohol. Be sure to inform your doctor if you fall into any one of these categories, as they might affect what drug is prescribed for you. Also, let your doctor know if you are allergic to any drug or other substance that might be used in a drug, such as yellow food dye, or if you are prone to asthma.

Many drugs, including nonprescription ones, should not be mixed. Your doctor should know all the other drugs you are taking or have taken in the last few weeks. This is particularly important if you are taking medications prescribed by more than one doctor.

Memory Aids

It can often be difficult to remember exactly when to take medication and how much to take, especially if you are elderly and taking more than one drug. The following systems can help you remember:

Lists. Make a list of the different times of day (morning, noon, evening, and night) and write down next to each time the type and amount of medication you are supposed to take (for example, "noon: two heart pills and one water pill"). Each time you take a dose, check it off your list.

Egg cartons or sectioned pillboxes. You can buy a special pillbox or make your own by labeling an egg carton with the different times of day. Then, fill each section with the pills you are supposed to take at that time.

Special vials. Another trick is to use vials with different colored caps that stand for the different times of day (for example, blue for morning, white for noon, red for evening, and black for bedtime).

A pill to be taken at bedtime may be placed on your bedside table if you store the bottle elsewhere. That way,

if you wake up in the middle of the night, you will know immediately if you have taken your pill or not. Alternatively, you can seal your nighttime dosage into envelopes marked with each day's date. You should never take a drug in the dark or without first checking the label to make sure you have the right one. Do not keep drugs (other than a single bedtime dose) on your night table unless you may need them during the night (for example, pills for angina; in this instance, keep *only* that medication at the bedside).

Each bottle of medication should be clearly marked; this is especially important if you are elderly and have trouble seeing. Ask your pharmacist to type the labels in extra-large letters. Also, make sure that you can easily open the vial or bottle, as some child-proof caps are very difficult to use. If you are unable to manipulate child-proof caps, your pharmacist can give you regular ones. □

Crime Drops

of property, carrying a concealed weapon, sex offenses, narcotic cases, child abuse, OUIL, OUIIN, and disorderly conduct) are less serious and are down an overall 7%. There is an increase of 28% in narcotics-related crimes, which means that the police department is more active than ever in making more arrests in that area. Drunk driving is up 4%, with 50% of all accidents being alcohol related. Of the fatal accidents on the road, over 50% are alcohol related.

Total arrests by the Romulus Police Department are up 38%, and there is a 6% increase in prisoners being held in the Romulus jail. There has been a 15% increase in patrol-car miles, which simply means that the police are on the road more of the time now, and making themselves more visible.

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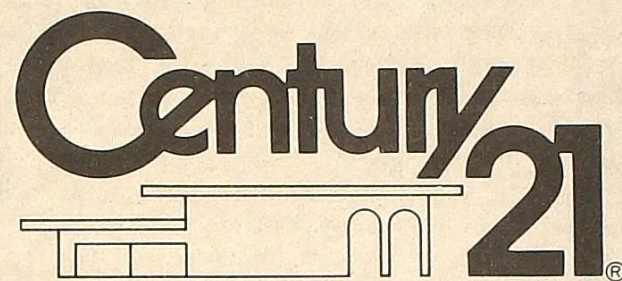
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